



Wisconsin - Mink

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Wisconsin Remains Number 1 in Mink Pelt Production and Females Bred

Wisconsin continues to be the leader in the U.S. for mink pelt production and females bred. The state's pelt production in 2010 totaled 883,430 pelts, down less than 1 percent from 2009's 886,100 pelts. Utah came in second with 677,900 pelts. Nationwide, mink pelt production during 2010 totaled 2.82 million pelts, down 2 percent from 2009's 2.87 million pelts. Wisconsin accounted for 31 percent of the nation's total pelt production for 2010, the same percentage as 2009.

The percentages of pelts produced in 2010 in Wisconsin by color class were: Black at 65 percent, Blue Iris at 13 percent, Mahogany at 12 percent, Sapphire at 4 percent, White at 3 percent, Pastel at 2 percent, and Lavender and Miscellaneous colors at less than 1 percent each. The remaining percentages fall into color classes that were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operation information.

Females bred in Wisconsin to produce kits in 2011 totaled 221,260, up 11 percent from 199,000 last year. Utah came in second with 168,600 females bred. Nationally, females bred to produce kits in 2011 totaled 701,000, up 5 percent from 670,200 last year. Wisconsin accounted for 32 percent of the U.S. total females bred compared with 30 percent last year.

The U.S. value of pelts produced during the 2010 crop year was \$231 million, up 24 percent from \$187 million in 2009. The average U.S. price per pelt for the 2010 crop year was \$81.90, up \$16.80 from \$65.10 in 2009. In 2010, there were 265 mink farms producing pelts, down 5 percent from 278 in 2009.

MINK: Females Bred, Pelts Produced, and Value, Wisconsin, 2006-2010

Year	Females bred	Pelts produced	Average price 1/	Value of pelts
		1,000	Dollars	Million dollars
2006	188.0	890.2	48.40	43.1
2007	214.9	914.1	65.70	60.1
2008	217.8	908.1	41.60	37.8
2009	198.2	886.1	65.10	57.7
2010	199.0	883.4	81.90	72.4

1/Average market price, U.S.. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO